

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1166

Gate Keeper's House

15405 Old Hanover Road

Fowblesburg, Baltimore County

Ca. 1811

Private

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Located at 15405 Hanover Pike, the Gate Keeper's House is a two-story random rubble stone building that has been extensively altered since its circa 1811 construction. The roughly rectangular building is now clad in vinyl siding and features a front gambrel roof clad in standing seam metal. A three-bay wide, wraparound porch with square wood posts and a square-edged wood balustrade was added to the building circa 1980. The façade, or west elevation, of the main block features one 1/1 vinyl window on the first story and two paired 1/1 vinyl windows on the second story. A rectangular louvered wood ventilator pierces the gambrel peak. The wraparound porch terminates on the south elevation at a one-story shed addition with a two-story vinyl-clad addition on the rear of the main block. One single leaf door opens into the south elevation of the main block and into the west elevation of the shed addition. All openings feature vinyl surrounds and sills. To the northeast of the main building are three sheds, all of which are non-historic.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Gate Keeper's House

other

2. Location

street and number 15405 Hanover Pike

not for publication

city, town Upperco

vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John David and Mary Louise Fitzpatrick

street and number 15405

telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco

state MD

zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse

liber 10790 folio 59\

city, town Towson

tax map 25

tax parcel 88

tax ID number 0419007500

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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To the northeast of the main building are three sheds, two of which are nearly identical and date to circa 1970. Both rectangular buildings are presently used as animal shelters and feature vertical board cladding over a wood frame with rounded flat roofs clad in sheet asphalt. One shed has a brick pier foundation, while the other sits on a concrete pier foundation. Attached to the building on the concrete foundation is a circa 1990 wood frame shed clad in grooved plywood with a shed roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. On double-leaf door and one one-light fixed window pierce the façade of this shed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1811 ca., 1896, 1840 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1811 ca., 1940 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland, Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.

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Scharf, Thomas J. *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .7 acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa 1811, the Gate Keeper's House has been associated with the .7 acres known as parcel 88 of tax map 25 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's Office.

11. Form Prepared by

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UPPERLO
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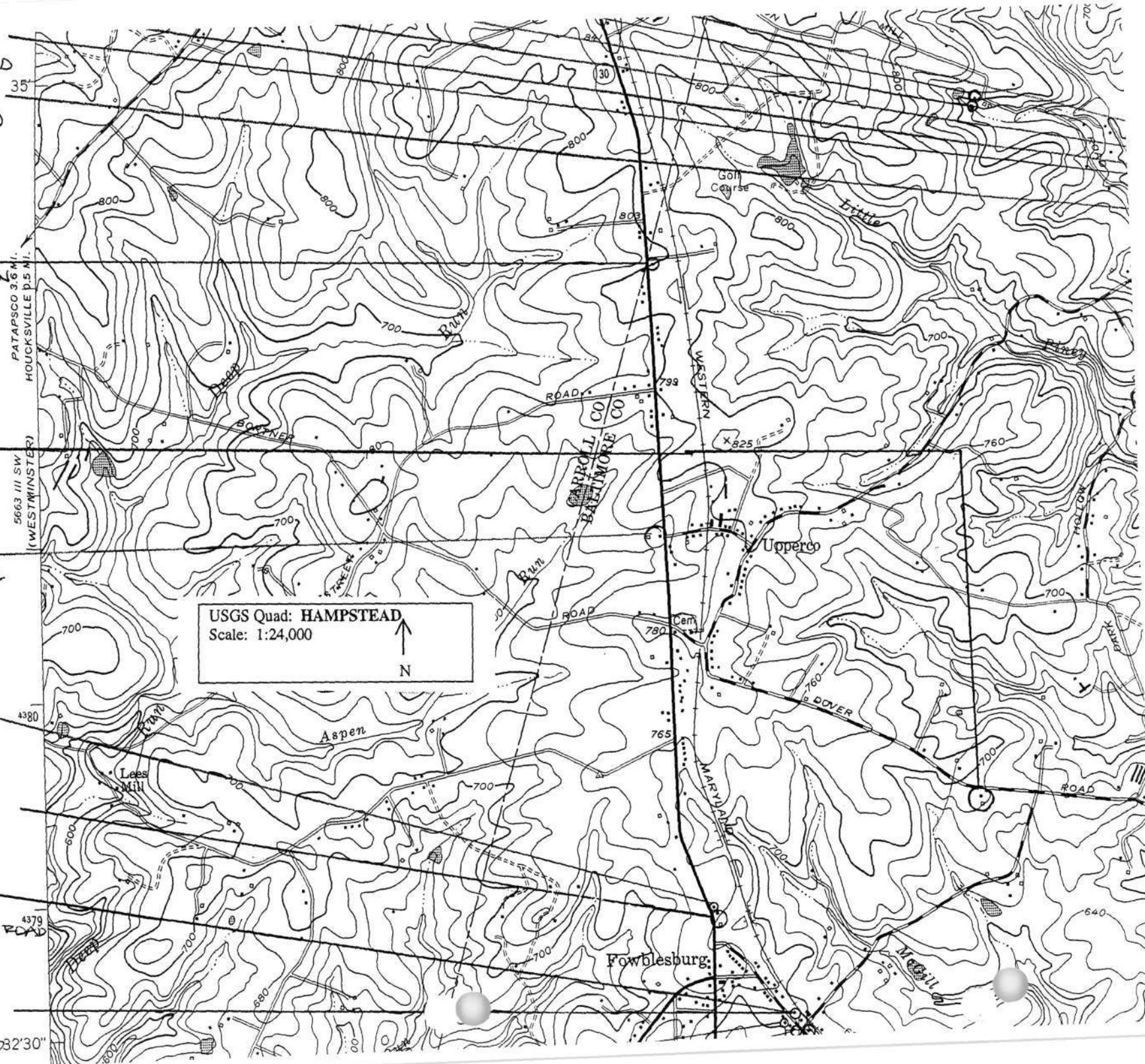
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15401 HANOVER PIKE
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UPPERLO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

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DAVIS FEE
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MD SHPO
Dwelling, Northeast corner, view looking southwest
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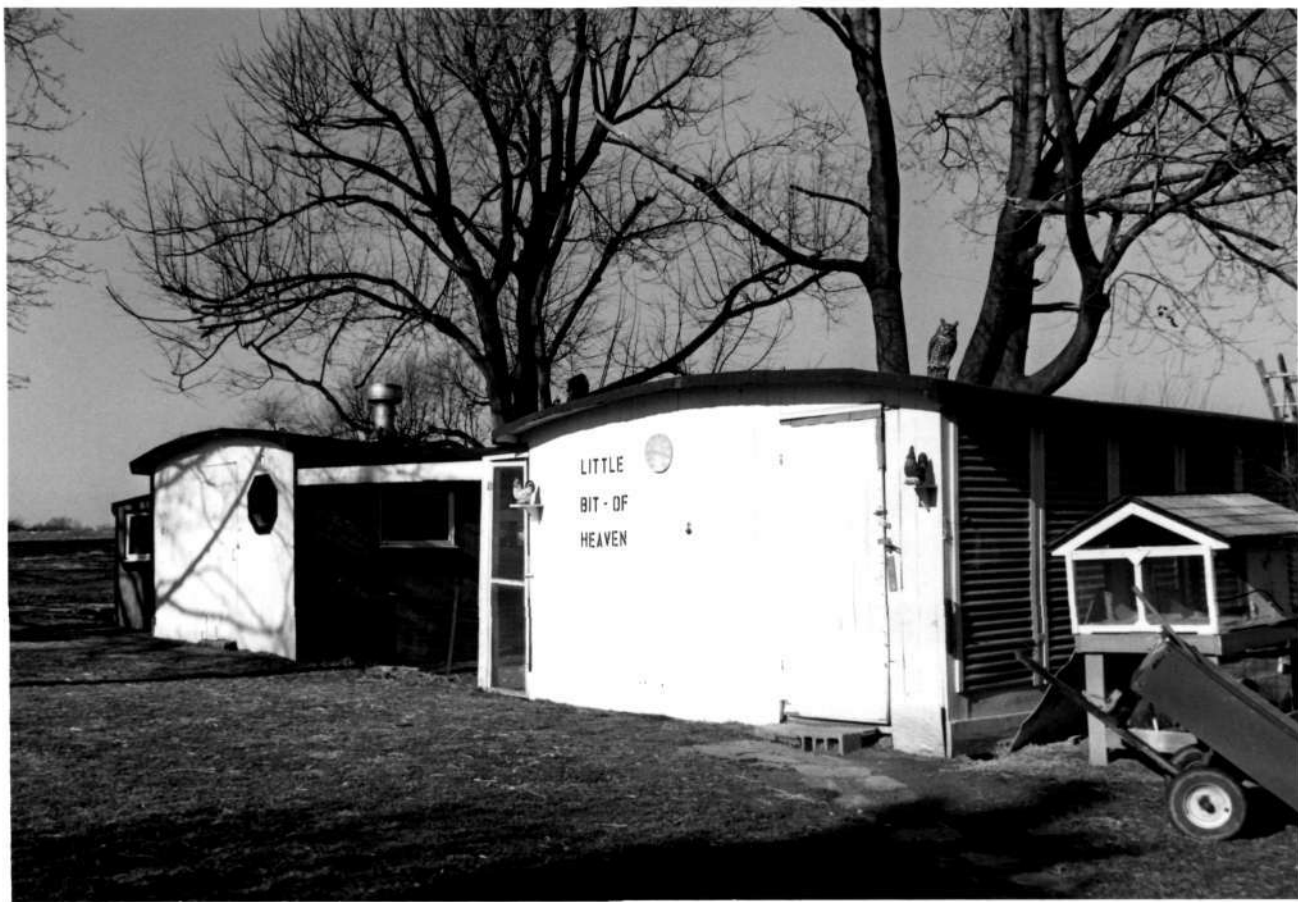
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dwelling, Northwest corner, view looking Southeast

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Dwelling, southwest corner, view looking Northeast
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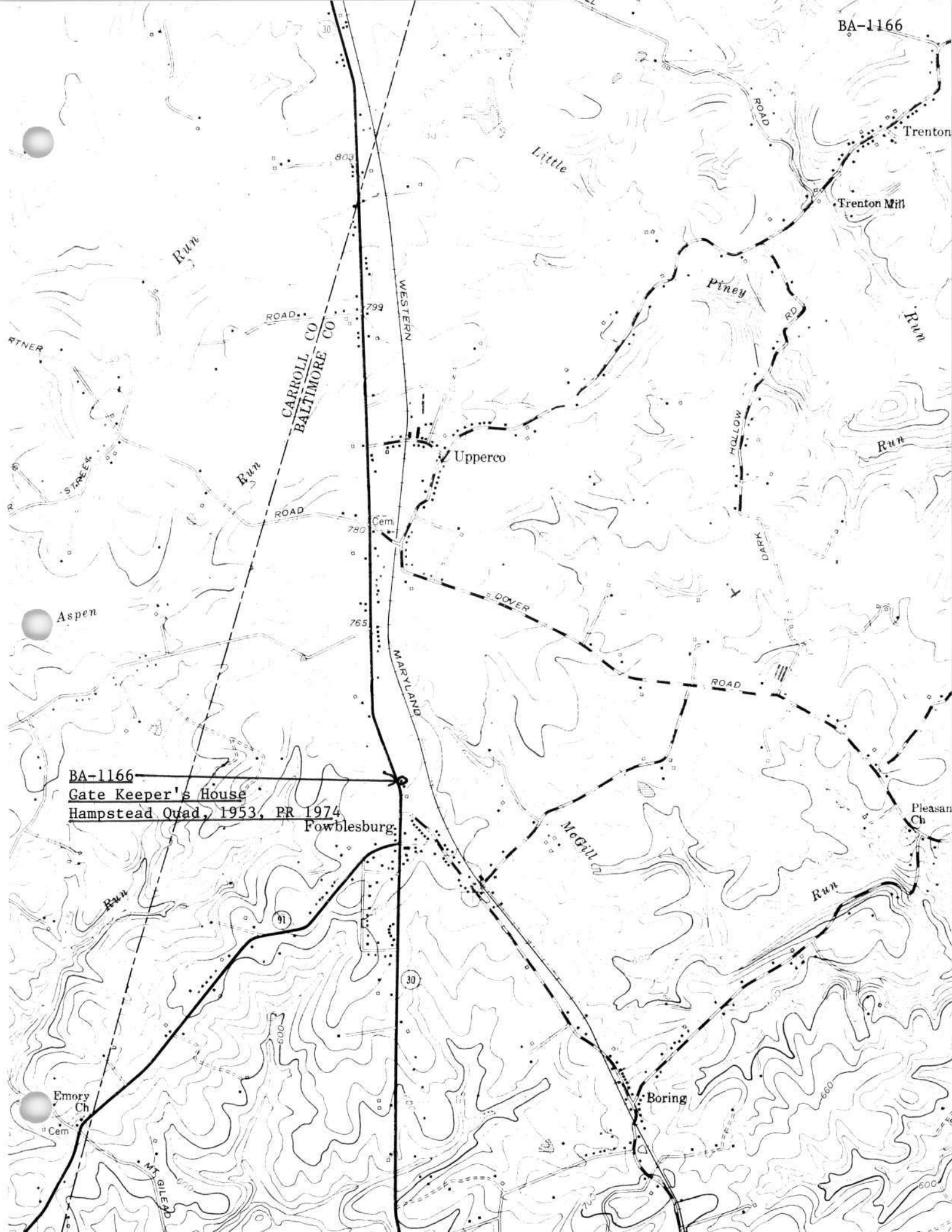
outbuildings, view looking Northeast

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GATE KEEPER'S HOUSE - c. 1811 - 15405 Hanover Pike, just north of Old Hanover Road, Fowblesburg. One-and-a-half story stone house with gambrel roof and shingled attic. Rear addition. Tin roof and also tin-roofed porch around two sides of building. The turnpike company acquired a lot here in 1811. Some of the gate keepers were Frederick Fowble, James Boyd, Ms. Raubaugh, John Upperco, and Thomas S. Abbott. The gate was moved away to Woodensburg in 1896, and the dwelling sold. Owner: Ivan P. Schultz.

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Hampstead Quad, 1953, PR 1974

Fowblesburg